

REMARKS

Claims 109 to 315 were entered and are pending in this application. Applicants herewith cancel all pending claims, without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 316 to 359. Thus, with entry of this amendment, claims 316 to 359 will be pending in this case.

In the Communication, the Examiner states

the reply filed on September 13, 2001, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because the reply fails to "clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made". See 37 CFR 1.111, specifically section (c). The response fails to indicate support in the specification as filed (by page and line number) for the newly submitted claims, thus to avoid rejection of the claims for new matter. Such is requested as newly filed claims number in the order of 200+ and differ significantly from the previously pending claims.

In response, applicants note that the new claims directly correspond to protein claims allowed in copending application USSN 08/455,620 ("the '620 application"). Examiner Saoud previously requested that the pharmaceutical claims from the '620 application be moved into the present application. Applicants also respond by noting that the new claim set comprises only 43 claims. Therefore, the Examiner's concern about the large number of claims has been addressed.

No new matter is introduced with the new set of claims.

CONCLUSION

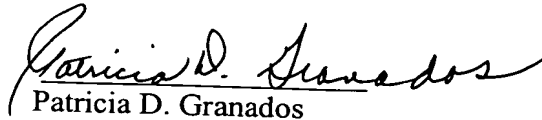
Applicants again thank Examiner Saoud for the interview June 8, 2001 and her suggestions in connection with furthering the allowance of this case. In view of this amendment and applicants' previous comments in the response filed September 13, 2001, applicants urge that all outstanding rejections and concerns have been rendered moot or overcome and an

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indication of allowability of the claims is respectfully requested. Examiner Saoud is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for applicants for any reason in furtherance of the allowance of the above claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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